



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EX<sup>4</sup> EDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1263"

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masaaki TAKATA, et al.

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FOR: OUTER TUBE MADE OF SILICON CARBIDE AND THERMAL TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTORS

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final in the above-identified application.

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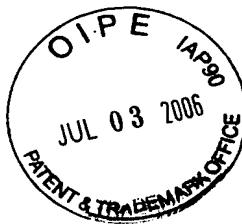
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In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.